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Springfield Presbyterian Church

November 2017

Living Generously Begins With Trust

This year the Stewardship Committee would like you, as Christian disciples, to consider that trusting in God is part of our responsibility as followers of Jesus. Your act of generosity -- your pledge -- is an act of kindness, that allows you to joyfully and generously support God's work at Springfield.



Please consider making a pledge for 2018 not only of your treasure, but also of yourself. The Church needs volunteers in every area. If we want to continue to grow and become a vibrant presence in this community, your help is crucial. Remember that God's abundance to you is your opportunity to be paths through which God's generosity can flow and His love shared.

We urge you to prayerfully consider making a pledge or increasing your current pledge joyfully as an unselfish act of personal discipleship. **Join us at worship on Sunday, November 5 to dedicate your gifts to Springfield and join us in a Celebratory Luncheon of soups, breads and desserts immediately thereafter.** If you are able to bring something for the lunch, please let Barbara Cornell know. May God's blessings be upon you!

Stewardship Committee
Bob Steppling and Kay Freas



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Pastor's Page

Grace and Peace to you, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

This month, we will joyfully come together and celebrate the baptism of Penelope Leona Dorsey, who is the granddaughter of Kathy Russ and great-granddaughter of Dolores Kelly. Baptism and Communion are our two sacraments as Presbyterians, and while we celebrate Communion every month, it is a rare opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism here at Springfield.

Baptism, for Presbyterians, isn't a salvation issue. We believe that Penelope is already a beloved child of God, loved and cared for by our Creator, whether or not she has been baptized. There is no concern about whether she will go to heaven or hell, as far as baptism goes. So, you may ask, why do we baptize? Why is it so important?

It's profoundly Biblical. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was baptized. When we baptize someone, we rejoice and share in Christ's baptism. We also baptize children and adults in a regular Sunday service, because while the focus is on the child or adult, this act of baptism is truly a communal act. It is an action in which the baptized person or the parents/sponsors promise to be raised or raise the child in the faith, to learn more, to lead a life that follows Christ and seek God always. It is also an experience where we come together as the community of Christ and celebrate this child or adult and promise to love them, disciple them, and encourage them as they grow in the faith. We, in essence, promise to take them under our wing and provide a sheltered and safe space for them to grow in their faith.

So, when we gather for Baptism this month, may you remember the power of baptism and the call to all of us to raise this child in faith and to journey alongside one another to encourage and build up each other's faith. May you remember your own baptism with joy, knowing that you are united in Christ, beloved and cared for, and part of this holy baptism.

In Christ,
Pastor Becca

Session News

From Sharon Pappas - Clerk of Session



This might be the month we pause, after getting the new school year programs launched, before our teams turn their focus on arrangements for the Season of Advent. There are plans for special music, a Christmas party for the Women and Children's Shelter in Westminster, special youth events, Sanctuary decorating, the Annual Craft and SERRV sale are set, the Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra concert in December, and I've heard whispers of our pageant. Final details will be in the next newsletter.

Our annual fall clean-up date is Saturday, **November 4** this year, 9-11 am. We hope you can join us for this informal work time being good stewards of our facility. With two buildings to care for, many hands make it easier to keep the Manse and Church areas tidy. Bushes and weeds grow, windows get dirty, and this work day provides more eyes to keep our buildings sound. Carl Anderson is coordinating our day and bringing some equipment, but bring your gloves and favorite work tools too. If you see something that needs doing but Saturday doesn't work for you, do it when you can, and let us know you'll handle that task.

Sunday, **November 5**, is our *Giving Thanks* Stewardship Day with a soup and sandwich lunch following our dedication of pledges. See Bob Stepling or Kay Freas for further contribution/pledge information. See Barbara Cornell if you would like to help with the meal.

We will continue to flesh out ideas shared at our Visioning Retreat in September.

Next Session Meeting: Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 pm



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Thoughts and Prayers

- ~ Prayers of strength and healing for Jan Vest, Connie Robinson's mom, for her recent surgery.
- ~ Prayers of comfort and healing for Reider White (Cathy Caviglia White's husband) for advanced kidney disease.
- ~ Prayers of thanksgiving for Kelsey Robinson for passing the LSATS to get into law school.
- ~ Continued prayers for the Sperling family and Deb Sperling's mom, Irene Schwarzkopf, in home hospice.
- ~ Prayers for all who have suffered from natural disasters across the world.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with mental health issues.
- ~ Prayers for all who struggle with addiction/substance abuse.
- ~ Prayers for Northminster, St. John United, and St. Andrews's of Mt. Airy from our Ministry Group.
- ~ We pray for all of our members and friends in the faith that their faith may grow and their hearts be whole in Christ.

Prayer Group:

Prayer Group will meet at 10:30 am at the Manse on **November 14** and **November 28**. Please join us to share prayers for our friends, community, nation and world!



Kind words can lift a heavy heart.

Communion Servers



Sunday November 5 Communion Servers (Intinction)

1. Diana Stepling
2. Barbara Nickell
3. Kay Freas
4. Jim Wise

Headhuggers

Monday, 11/13 - 7:00 pm (Manse)

Prayer Group

Tuesday, 11/14 & 11/28 - 10:30 am
(Manse)

Feed My Sheep Lunches

Monday, 11/20 - 9:30 am
(Wesley Freedom)

Church Cleaning:

November 3, 4, or 5 - Jim & Mary Rhodes

November 17, 18 or 19 - Sharon Pappas & Kay Freas

Fairhaven Communion

Wednesday November 15, 11:00 am

Assisting on Sundays	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26
Sunday Opener	Ron Holmes	Bob Rogers	Kay Freas	Jennifer Wise
Ushers & Greeters	Steve & Donna Mazer	Ed & Sandy Newsome	Connie Robinson & Martha Streaker	Ed Newsome & Bob Rogers
Lay Leader	Bob Stepling	Linda Black	Barbara Cornell	Don Vasbinder
Sunday School	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson	Connie Robinson
Fellowship	Stewardship Luncheon	Kathy Russ & Barbara Cornell	Jim & Mary Rhodes	Barbara Nickell



From Linda Caviglia - Minister of Music

Christmas Caroling - Saturday, December 9

I know that November is just starting, but thought you might want to get the caroling date on your calendar! We are planning to go to Transitions and possibly Copper Ridge to carol on Saturday, **December 9** in the late afternoon. So, get ready to help share the joy and music of the season with a few of those in the community who can really use some "extra" joy. Don't worry if you aren't

a terrific singer... we'll be singing Christmas Carols that you know, and the audience often sings along with us! So, no excuses about singing ;-)

Presbytones Bell Choir

The Presbytones will be playing during our **November 12** Worship service. We are playing pieces that will use our new chimes and Cymbells, adding a wonderful depth to the selections. We look forward to sharing the music we've been working on!

General Music and Worship Information

This year, Springfield has invested some money in buying artificial greens for the Sanctuary. The Worship Committee recommended that we do this for several reasons:

First, using artificial greens will allow us to decorate the Sanctuary earlier in the season since we won't have to worry about the decorations drying out.

Second, artificial greens should make decorating and "un" decorating much easier and less messy for all.

Third, expense for live greens last year (2016) was \$198. Back in 2009 it was \$159.00, still \$159 in 2012, in 2014 it was up to \$161.

If we figure that the artificial greens will last for 10 to 20 years... If we spread the cost over 10 years, the price per year will be less than our last year's expense. If they last longer (we are purchasing quality cover/bags for them as well) than 10 years, the price per year will just get better!

Greening of the Church

We will be putting the greens up earlier this year, since we have moved to artificial greens. The Worship Committee plans to use Sunday, **December 3** right after church to green our Sanctuary. The greening will be taking place at the same time as our Advent Craft festival downstairs, so we hope you will stay to help out (while the "kids" have fun with crafts).



Our Next Concert

December 10, 2017 @3:00 PM
Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra



We are excited to bring the Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra back to Springfield for our December concert. Please plan to join us, and bring your friends and family for a fun afternoon of music and good food to follow!

The Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra, under the direction of Kristin Turner, is a Baltimore, Maryland-based ensemble of mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, mandobasses, and classical guitars. They play an eclectic mix of classical music, marches, rags, show tunes, and a variety of other traditional compositions for mandolin orchestra.

Sunday School & Youth News

From Connie Robinson, Sunday School Coordinator

C.I.A. (Community In Action)

C.I.A. is a group open to all religious and non-religious people as a means of providing the community with acts of kindness. We will be doing different activities throughout the school year to help people in our community who are in need. Meetings will be **November 6** at the Manse and **November 20** at Stepping Stones from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Please join us as we help our community in various ways. Pizza provided!

Women and Children's Shelter Party

On **December 2**, the youth will be going to the Women and Children's Shelter in Westminster to give them a taste of Christmas. Patty Salmon will have crafts, Judy Rhoades will be face painting, and there will be food, cotton candy and gifts for the children and women. If you'd care to join us, please let Connie or Charlie know.

Advent Craft Fair

December 3 is our Advent Craft Fair. The youth will be serving food and drinks. There will be crafts for all and gifts from SERRV will be available to purchase. Plan on staying after Worship!



Sunday School

Sunday School is held each Sunday during Worship and is open to all ages, from Pre-K to Middle School.

Movie Nights



Over the summer, the CE team started up Movie Nights in the Youth Room! We've watched movies such as *Finding Dory* and the *Lion King*. It's a great space to hang out, eat some popcorn and candy, and just enjoy getting together. We kick back and talk, catch-up, and watch a movie. Pastor Becca and Amy Vasbinder have been leading this - so if you have any questions or any movie suggestions, we'd be happy to hear from you! November's movie night will be on **November 26** from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. All youth group aged youth are welcome (6th-12th grades) and feel free to invite friends!



Fair Share Giving to Presbytery And Our West Side Story Ministry Group

Ministry group funds come from the Fair Share budget of Presbytery. Springfield's 2018 Fair Share giving to Presbytery is \$2,265. The Presbytery's Shared Ministry Budget of \$225,329 funds programs of our ministry groups, plus the Commissions on thriving congregations, reconciliation, and spiritual leader development. These Commissions plan activities our churches engage in like our partnerships with Native Americans, Cuba, Guatemala; efforts to heal race and poverty issues, and marginalized communities; develop new worship communities like one in Anne Arundel County from Trinidad; and fund coaching events for clergy and elders.

The churches of Baltimore Presbytery are divided into six geographical clusters to form ministry groups—our is West Side Story. This is a good time to share the work being done with a portion of our Fair Share pledge.

Catonsville: Sponsored an evening with author Robert Jones talking about his new book, The End of White Christian America. There were about 100 in the audience to discuss his analysis of cultural changes based on his data driven historic perspective. We were reminded of our responsibility to find a new way to be The Church in our communities in the midst of current fear and anxiety.

Northminster: Hosts a Celebrate Recovery program (including child care) helping people towards healing and wholeness from hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

Mt Paran: Their grant of \$800 was used to purchase new folding chairs to replace those that were 50 years old. Now they can be a welcoming place with chairs for everyone.



West Side Story

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Springfield: Grant funds have been used to support the Community in Action program of outreach into the daycare and community. Planning done by the CE team and pastor is supported by middle school youth and church adults. On two Mondays each month, 4:30-6:00, we provide pizza and an age appropriate activity. The first Monday we plan and do prep work for the second Monday when we go to the daycare and involve the children/parents.

Mt. Hebron: Grant funds were used to provide scholarships to the Trinity Youth Conference held annually in Pennsylvania.

St. Andrew's: Grant money of \$1,000 is being used for a project to collect theological books for a Presbyterian Seminary in Ethiopia. Classes are taught in English and there is a great need for a wide variety of topics.

Christ Memorial: Sponsored an intergenerational Meal Packing Event through Rise Against Hunger. The meals have soy protein, rice, vegetables and vitamin components and are shipped globally, being careful not to displace farmers. Also mentioned was a planned mission trip work event in 2019 to Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.



If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for Christmas, there will be order forms available in the Narthex or contact the Church Office. All flower orders are due by **November 22.**



- 4 Alex & Brenda McClung
- 7 Ed & Sandy Newsome
- 9 Steve & Donna Mazer
- 17 Albert & Shona Klein
- 29 Omar & Amy Izaguirre



- 1 Olivia Oates
- 3 Brenda McClung
- 12 Kay Freas
- 16 Maddy Harvey
- 20 Cathy White
- 25 Barbara Nickell
- 26 Jim Rhodes



December's newsletter deadline is **November 19**. Please submit your information to spc.office@verizon.net.

November 5

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

November 12

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

November 19

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

November 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

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Worship Hours

10:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:30 am Fellowship

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Accompanist: Aaron Thacker

Organist: Jennifer Wise

Sunday School: Connie Robinson

Youth Group: Charles & Deb Sperling

Administrative Assistant: Donna Mazer

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Our vision for the ministry is to be an open, flourishing, multigenerational congregation, where all can worship, study, and act to discern God's plan for us and our community. Valuing all people, we are committed to developing disciples and fostering stewardship.

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